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Do You Have a Family Preparedness Plan for Disasters?

Have you developed a plan and kit to protect your family from natural or man-made disasters?

Winter often brings ice storms and heavy snowfall while spring is the beginning of tornado season as well as the flooding of rivers and streams in the Commonwealth. There are other catastrophes to consider such as earthquakes, train derailments, explosions, and criminal activities.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will

contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. And it's prudent to have a supply kit in case your family is without basic services.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has prepared a "Developing a Plan and Kit to Protect Your Family



from Natural or Man-Made Disasters" brochure to help you prepare for the unforeseen.

The brochure recommends items to include in a basic supply kit; things to consider when developing a preparedness plan; coming up with a communications strategy so everyone can stay in contact if separated by an emergency; and informative Internet resources to help deal with all kinds of disasters.

The trifold can be downloaded at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/community. (See page 4 for brochure.)

Pennyrile Regional Citizen Corps Council Holds Training Exercise in Crofton



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The Pennyrile Regional Citizen Corps Council conducted a major training exercise for Community Emergency Response Teams on Nov. 16 at Gordon Park in Crofton. An all-day event, the exercise brought in 70 people from throughout the Pennyrile area, and provided an opportunity for a group of Boy Scouts to earn their Emergency Preparedness merit badge. County emergency managers from two counties, several fire departments, a qualified training team, and a large number of motivated CERT members spent the first part of the day at refresher training stations for all components of the CERT program, and followed up with a mock disaster scenario involving a tornado touch-down in the Crofton area. It proved to be a productive exercise because a tornado touched down the next day near the Trigg County line.

Thirteen Agencies Awarded LEPP Grants for Body Armor, Duty Weapons

Governor **Steve Beshear** announced on Dec. 20 that \$60,202 in state Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP) grants have been awarded to 12 law enforcement agencies for body armor vests and one for duty weapons.

"These body armor vests will help protect law enforcement person-

nel who, in turn, protect Kentucky citizens and guests and work to keep our Commonwealth safe," Gov. Beshear said.

In conjunction with the Kentucky State Police, KOHS derives income from sales of confiscated weapons. KSP conducts periodic auctions – only to federally licensed firearms dealers – that generate dollars for the

LEPP initiative.

KOHS then assesses needs and, after prioritization, provides available funds for the acquisition of body armor, weapons, ammunition, and electronic or muscular disruption technical devices.

"It's good to know we can help in some way to supply law enforcement with the tools they need to carry out their important jobs," said **Gene Kiser**, executive director of KOHS.

LEPP support goes to police agencies of cities, counties, charter counties, unified counties, urban-counties and consolidated local governments, sheriff's departments and public university police departments.

The following agencies were awarded grants:

Bath County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$3,300
City of Bellevue	body armor	\$4,400
Breathitt County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$6,050
Carlisle County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$4,950
Fleming County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$3,848
City of Lancaster	body armor	\$1,100
Laurel County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$13,750
Murray State University	body armor	\$2,750
City of Paducah	body armor	\$4,400
City of Park Hills	body armor	\$4,400
City of Pioneer Village	duty weapons	\$2,454
Pulaski County Fiscal Court	body armor	\$6,050
City of Worthington	body armor	\$2,750



Officials from Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Kentucky Department for Public Health and Kentucky Office of Homeland Security took an informational tour of the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at the University of Louisville. Taking part, from left, were Michael A. Jones, executive director, Management and Administration for the Department of Military Affairs and acting director of KYEM; Kathy Fowler, assistant director, Division of Public Health Protection, KDPH; Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, senior deputy commissioner, KDPH; Rebecca Gillis, Kentucky Public Health Preparedness manager, KDPH; Aaron Horner, deputy executive director, KOHS; Dr. Stephanie Mayfield, commissioner, KDPH; Gene Kiser, executive director, KOHS; Dennis Sullivan, emergency manager, U of L; and Thomas J. Cremer IV, biological safety/EHS manager, U of L.



Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Kentucky State Police Intelligence
 FBI Louisville Division
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
 U.S. Secret Service
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
 Lexington Division of Police
 Kentucky Department of Corrections
 Kentucky Army National Guard
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Kentucky Fire Commission

New Mexico Officials Visit Fusion Center

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security hosted an informational exchange session with one of its sister agencies, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Cabinet Secretary **Gregory Myers** and New Mexico Intelligence Officer **James**



Tokmenko visited with Fusion Center personnel on Dec. 18 to learn about each

other's processes, staff assignments and products.

Fusion Center personnel briefed the New Mexico officials on their roles and responsibilities, work products, threat assessments and emerging trends within the intelligence world.

Secretary Myers sought the meeting since the scope, size and rural versus urban delineation between the two states are similar, with the exception being New Mexico's border with Mexico.



Aaron Horner\KOHS

About 170 law enforcement, educational facility representatives, and corporate and facility security professionals from the private and public sectors attended an active shooter workshop at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. The training educated participants on the history of active shooter events; described common behaviors, conditions, and situations with active shooters; and fostered communications between first responders. The training was sponsored by KOHS, the University of Louisville and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

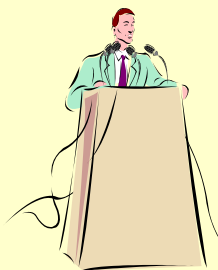
Jan. 9 — Human Trafficking, Columbus, Ohio (LE only)

Jan. 22 — Information Collection on Patrol (InCOP 1), Scottsville (LE only)

Jan. 28-29 — Police Radar/Lidar Instructor Course, Fort Knox (LE only)

Jan. 30-31 — Social Networking, Evansville, Ind.

Feb. 13 — Information Collection on Patrol (InCOP 1), Maysville (LE only)



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center at FusionCenter@ky.gov.

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Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit

Water – one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation

Food – at least three-day supply of non-perishable food

Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio

Flashlight and extra batteries

First-aid kit

Whistle to signal help

Filter mask or cotton T-shirt, to help filter the air

Moist towelettes for sanitation

Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

Manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

Plastic sheeting and duct tape for shelter-in-place

Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal items

Unique family needs, such as prescription medications, infant formula or diapers, and important family documents

Pet food and extra water for your pet

Personal documents in waterproof container

★ RESOURCES ★

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov

Kentucky Emergency Management
www.kyem.ky.gov

Disaster Assistance.Gov
www.disasterassistance.gov

Ready.Gov
www.ready.gov

Citizen Corps Council
www.ready.gov/citizen-corps

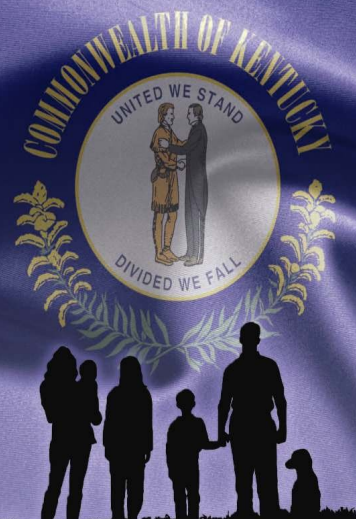
Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov

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The safety and security of the Commonwealth cannot be achieved apart from reliance upon Almighty God as set forth in the public speeches and proclamations of American Presidents, including Abraham Lincoln's historic March 30, 1863, Proclamation urging Americans to pray and fast during one of the most dangerous hours in American history, and the text of President John F. Kennedy's November 22, 1963, national security speech which concluded: "For as was written long ago, 'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.'" Kentucky Revised Statute 39A.285(3).



Developing a

PLAN and KIT to Protect Your Family

from Natural or Man-Made Disasters



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Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.

First of all, be informed about what might happen. Find out what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified.

You must have the tools and plans in place to make it on your own, at least for a period of time, no matter where you are when the disaster strikes. Preparing for the unexpected makes sense.

Be prepared to adapt the information you learn to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. With simple preparations, you can be ready for a catastrophe.



★ ★ ★ Make a PLAN

Emergencies can range from the inconvenient to the devastating, but you can take some simple preparedness

steps in advance to minimize the impact on your family.

Inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare, and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

Sometimes there are situations when you should stay put and create a barrier between yourself and potentially dangerous contaminants. This is a process known as shelter-in-place.

★ ★ ★ Get a KIT

After a disaster, local officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it may take days.

Basic services, such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones, may be cut off for days or even weeks. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You probably will not have the opportunity



to shop or search for the supplies you will need following a disaster.

A supply kit can help your family stay safe and be more comfortable after a disaster.

You should consider making two kits – one for when you stay in your shelter-in-place and the other a lightweight, smaller version when you have to get away quickly.

★ ★ ★ Communications PLAN

Choose two places to meet: right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency and outside your neighborhood if you can't return home.



Pick a family contact in another state who everyone can contact if separated in an emergency.

Remember that cellular towers and the telephone system may not work immediately following an emergency. Deciding who will pick up the kids and where to meet are questions that need to be addressed before a disaster strikes.

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